



## **Regional Service Council Minutes**

### **Region # 7**

**Meeting Date:** March 9, 2007

**Meeting Location:** Blackford County Courthouse Annex, Hartford City, IN.

**Council Members Present:** Jackie Hendrickson, Proxy for Judge Toney, Betty Lyons, Chuck Osterholt, Joy Woolf, Pat Ergle, Deb McGriff-Tharp, Jackie Fisher, and Marilyn Scales

**Council Members Absent:** Judge Dailey, Judge Young, and Steve Cox

**Others In Attendance:** Ryan Rhoades @ Meridian Services

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**Meeting Called to Order at:** 1:05 PM

1. Minutes from 2/9/07 meeting approved by consensus.
2. Regional Manager Scales provided an update on Region 7 Practice Reform . A summary report was provided to each member. See attached.
3. Community Partners for Child Safety---Ryan Rhoades from Meridian Services provided a written summary of their progress in each of the 5 local offices in Region 7. See attached report.
4. Legislative Report—A summary report was provided to Council members from John Ryan, DCS Chief Attorney and Legislative liason. SB 328 was reviewed with the Council since it includes legal establishment of Regional Services Councils. Also see written summary.
5. Other concerns---Judge Toney requested an update on the hiring of State DCS attorneys for Randolph and Jay. We reported candidates have been interviewed and waiting on decision from State DCS. Joy Woolf has resigned from Council due to her move to the State DCS Training staff. Peggy Stewart, FCM Supervisor from Grant County will take her place. In addition, we received names to replace our foster parent representative.

6. Next Meeting Date: April 13, 2007

**Meeting Adjourned at: 2:30 PM**